WHEREAS, April 22, 1877, marked the entry into the world at Kings Station, Ogle County, Illinois of one Carrie Almeda Sedam, one of a family of eleven children; and,

WHEREAS, When Meda was five years of age the family moved to Hand County, South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, Meda taught "country school" in Hand County for a number of years; and,

WHEREAS, On January 18, 1899 Meda and John Terence McCullen were united in marriage at the home of Meda's parents in St. Lawrence, South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, Meda and John became the proud parents of five children: Robert Donald (Don); John Terence, Jr. (Terry); Maurice Lee(Maurice); Wallace Alexander (Wally); and Jane McAuley (Jane); and,

WHEREAS, Meda and John were very much interested in and involved in the political process in South Dakota and this interest continues to flourish in their family; and,

WHEREAS, "Baba" (Little Grandmother) as Meda is affectionately known by her family, and many, many friends has contributed so greatly to the history of our State, with the year 1974 marking the publication of "This Is My Life" written by Meda and detailing her life in South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, Meda has brought much joy, happiness and love into the many lives which she has touched and we in South Dakota are indeed proud to have among us a great lady of the caliber of Meda; and,

WHEREAS, Meda is certainly one of the "most wonderfullest" of mothers; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that Meda, who recently celebrated Her Ninety-Eighth Birthday, be especially honored on Mothers' Day 1975:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Mothers' Day, Sunday, May 11, 1975, as

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in South Dakota, and do urge her many relatives and friends to join with her in celebration on this day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 9th day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Five

RICHARD F. KNEIP, NOVERNOR

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